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Here is the bio-data of five East Timorese who entered the British embassy in Jakarta today 25 September 1995 at 12 midday and requested asylum:

1. **T.J. Temotio**

I am Temotio Jose Fernades, native of Asalaino, Fui Loro, Los Palos and born on 25 May 1972. My parents are Felicidade and Afonso Jose Fernandes, both of whom were killed by the Indonesian forces in Los Palos, along with many other members of my immediate family. I was raised by a Belgian priest in the Don Bosco orphanage of Los Palos. During my time in the orphanage, I and the priests were constantly intimidated by the Indonesian armed forces, the excuse being that the orphanage was a well known refuge for children of Fretilin resistance fighters.

After leaving the orphanage, I continued by studies at the SMA Negeri II in Dili. Even in the capital I was not free of persecution by the military who would come regularly to the school and make demands upon the headmaster, Drs HMR Soemardjo, to expel me for being the child of an anti-Indonesian Fretilin fighter.

In 1990 in Dili, I was kidnapped by ABRI at night, was beaten, had my face burnt, my hair pulled out of my head and the palms of my hands were slashed. The experience strengthened my resolve to actively engage in activities aimed at guaranteeing the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and to be free of Indonesian barbarity. These were some of my activities:

- On 1990 I was appointed Sabalae's courier, operating between the areas of Las Palos-Larimau.
- On 12 November 1991 I took part in the procession which moved from Motael Church to the Santa Cruz cemetery.
- On 17 November 1994 I participated in the demonstration at Dili Cathedral.
- On 15 August 1995 on the occasion of the opening of an exhibition in Los Palos to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Indonesian Independence, I was tortured and almost killed by Indonesia's Special Territorial (Red Beret) Forces. I managed to flee and escaped to the jungle where I lived among the guerrillas for one week. After that I made my way to Dili and from there fled to Jakarta (I have been here for approximately one month) where I am now seeking political asylum. My reasons and specific demands are as follows:

* That the UN demand the immediate release of our leader Xanana Gusmão in order to participate in dialogue on the future of East Timor with President Suharto and Foreign Minister Ali Alatas.

Even if Indonesia were to exterminate all the young people of East Timor, I am convinced that this will not be the end of the struggle and that it will be continued by future generations.

2. **Name: Antonio Baptista Sequeira**
Date of birth: Dili, 13 April 1971
Father's name: Manual Sequeira
Mother's name: Maria Sequeira.

Two members of my family, ie Eduardo Joao Sequeira and Victor Manuel Sequeira, were killed at the time of the Indonesian invasion of East Timor.

I am one of a group of activists who demonstrated at the time of the visit of the US ambassador to East Timor (January, 1990). At that time, I sought refuge in the Motael Church. When the church was raided by the Indonesian security forces, my friend Sebastiao Gomes was killed. I managed to escape and was able to take part in his funeral procession and the demonstrations on 12 November 1991.

I was detained in Viqueque, and after my release was closely watched by the military.

During the recent violence provoked by the Ninjas in Dili, I became involved in anti-Ninja/vigilante group activities in an attempt to curb their violence. When efforts were made to try to arrest me in connection with these activities, I fled to Kupang, West Timor. Fearing that I had been followed, I left Kupang for Bali and carried on to Jakarta on 29 August 1995.

3. **Name: Nelson Turquel**
Date of birth: Dili, 3 June 1973
Father's name: Jose Trocel

I took part in the demonstration of 12 November 1991. Earlier this year, I took part in the anti-Ninja vigilante group activities and was consequently pursued by the security forces. I managed to avoid arrest and fled to Kupang, then Bali and finally Jakarta where I have been for the past month and a half, My father was arrested in Dili on 9 September in connection with the disturbances there.

4. **Name: Joaquim Alim**
Date of birth: Dili, 20 March 1971.
Father's name: Joaquim Antonio
Mother's name: Maria Isabel Moniz

I took part in the demonstrations of 12 November 1991 but managed to escape from St Cruz cemetery at the time of the massacre. Earlier this year, I and a number of other friends participated in anti-Ninja activities in Dili. At that time, I managed to capture two Ninjas who were members of the army's elite red beret forces and I handed them over to Bishop Belo. Because of the Intelligence Forces's attempts to arrest me in connection with these activities, I had planned to sail to Australia with the other 18 refugees now residing in Australia but at the last minute was unable to join them and fled instead to Kupang, Bali and finally arrived in Jakarta about one and a half months ago.

On 9 September my younger brother, Paulo, was arrested and was questioned by the Intelligence forces regarding my current whereabouts. Because he refused to answer their questions and also denied his own involvement in the demonstrations of 9 September, he had both his ears slashed with knives by ABRI soldiers.

5. **Name: Egas Soares**
Date of Birth: 25 March 1970
Father's name: Domingos Soares Faria
Mother's name: Maria da Silva

I am one of the activists who took part in the demonstrations at the time of Pope John Paul's visit to Dili in 1989, and also that of 12 November 1991. I was forced by Simbolon, now the Regional Military Commander, to act as a spy for Indonesia, and specifically to report on the activities of the Bishop, but also at the time of the visits of the Swedish and Australian ambassadors. I informed the Bishop of my special 'assignment' in October 1989.

Attempts were made to arrest me after I organised youths to demonstrate in front of the Mahkota Hotel in Dili. I fled to Kupang and came on directly to Jakarta where I have been for about 18 months.